

**TENNESSEE SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM (SBEAP)**

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) provides technical, administrative and regulatory support for small businesses. The SBEAP staff serve as a liaison between the regulatory agency and the small business owner. Confidentiality is maintained when representing the interests of a small business. Assistance provided by the SBEAP include:

- environmental permitting assistance
- notification of regulatory requirements and needed actions to comply
- plain language environmental compliance information
- training programs on environmental regulatory compliance methods
- information to promote reduction in regulatory burden
- referrals to other assistance programs

☛ For more information or assistance contact:

Tennessee Small Business Environmental Assistance Program  
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1551 1-800-734-3619  
[BGSBEAP@state.tn.us](mailto:BGSBEAP@state.tn.us)  
<http://state.tn.us/environment/ea/sbeap/>

*To Reach Your Local Environmental Field Office*  
**1-888-891-TDEC (8332)**



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**Construction Industry  
Seven Key Points Small Businesses should  
know to comply with  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination  
System (NPDES) General Permit  
For  
Construction Sites**



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- ☐ **Determine environmental permit needs:** The Clean Water Act (CWA) requires many construction sites to obtain a General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for discharge of storm water associated with construction activities. These permits require operators of these sites to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) to prevent sediment and other pollutants from washing off into nearby streams, rivers, and lakes.
- ☐ **Notify environmental agency:** Operators of construction sites involving disturbance of **one or more acres**, and activities that result in the disturbance of less than one acre if it is part of a larger common plan of development or sale must submit a completed and signed Notice of Intent (NOI) (<http://state.tn.us/environment/wpc/forms/conststrm.pdf>) to appropriate Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC) environmental Field office for the county where construction activity is located. Call 1-888-891-TDEC (8332)
- ☐ **Develop and submit a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP):** A site-specific SWPPP must be developed and submitted with the NOI mentioned above.

- ☐ **Submit permit fee:** Appropriate fee(s) must be submitted with the NOI.  
<http://state.tn.us/environment/permits/conststrm.shtml#fees>
- ☐ **Comply:** The Permittee or (permitted companies) must comply with all conditions of the permit.

**Note: New Requirement!!!**

- ☐ **Acquire training:** Construction sites must have an inspector who has successfully completed the ***“Fundamentals of Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control”*** course or an equivalent course that provides a working knowledge of erosion and sediment control (<http://www.tnepsc.org/>). For more information on NPDES permit requirements, see Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation’s Division of Water Pollution Control web site:  
<http://state.tn.us/environment/permits/conststrm.shtml>.
- ☐ **Manage construction sites:** Construction sites must be managed properly. If the construction site is not properly managed, large amounts of soil will be washed away during a rainstorm. Runoff and soil erosion should be controlled by using techniques called Best Management Practice (BMPs) to protect water quality. For BMP information:  
[http://state.tn.us/environment/wpc/sed\\_ero\\_control/handbook/](http://state.tn.us/environment/wpc/sed_ero_control/handbook/)